Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to honor remarkable Show-Me State couples who have experienced the good fortune of success in marriage, a most delightful task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

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Whereas, the union of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Starnes, residents of Lebanon, Missouri, is characterized by their enduring affection and serves as a glorious illustration of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, Jimmy and Patsy Starnes commemorated the joyous occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on September 14, 2008, at Second Freewill Baptist Church; and

Whereas, as they proudly marked this splendid milestone in their life, Jimmy and Patsy Starnes undoubtedly looked back with satisfaction upon all that has transpired since they pledged their eternal love to one another and began their long, joyful walk down life's path; and

Whereas, it was five wondrous decades ago that Jimmy Starnes and Patsy Armstrong joined their hands, their hearts, and their lives together in a solemn nuptial ceremony on September 12, 1958, at the home of Roy Jones; and

Whereas, Jimmy and Patsy Starnes have enjoyed toiling as farmers for the past thirty-seven years, and spending time with their two "adopted" granddaughters, Kaylee and Kelsee Keen; and

Whereas, Jimmy and Patsy Starnes have distinguished themselves as a remarkable couple, whose fifty years of shared joy and contentment so beautifully illustrate the strength, grace, and splendor of the lasting marriage bond:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Jimmy and Patsy Starnes upon the joyous occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and in further wishing them continued happiness in the years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Starnes.

Offered by
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4471, adopted October 27, 2008.
Rod Jetton, Speaker